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This idea by the EPA to dredge up the Willamette River to remove contaminants that are below the surface just sounds like an atrociously overwhelming plan! It just doesn't make sense to recontaminate the river when it's healing itself. Doing this will only lead to more problems. The water quality will suffer, not to mention the havoc to our riverfront when heavy diesel equipment reduces our air quality.

This expensive approach jeopardizes many things residents and tourists enjoy about our city. It would not be good for businesses in the area if construction zones took over areas where people go boating or eat at restaurants. The general public would find other places to go so they would not have to deal with the construction. This would eventually hurt the businesses in the immediate area. As a result, we'd lose jobs and might be left with a greater problem. Our economy is already struggling. Why would we want to make it worse?

Can't we just let the process continue naturally? Why try to force something that is already happening on its own? Besides, Portland is not in a good economic position. We already have a homeless problem and taxes that are too high. Between the school bond and everything else we have to pay for, adding a \$1 billion burden will just exacerbate our problems. If this proposal was on a ballot, I would not vote for it. If the EPA takes input from residents seriously, it will not move forward with this plan.

Regards,

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